

**MANAGER--DIRECTED METHOD
FOR EVENT PRESSURE REDUCTION**

Abstract of the Disclosure

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The present invention provides a method and apparatus for utilizing existing systems and components in a cellular network for managing network functionality to reduce event pressure between managers and agents. In accordance with the preferred embodiments of the invention, a filter, an event counter module, and a performance measurement module, all residing on the agent, perform event notification filtering, counting, and thresholding in the agent. In accordance with the preferred embodiments, only an alarm is sent to the manager from the agent if event notifications exceed a threshold that is established by the manager on the agent.

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